

# AWACS

## Airborne Warning & Control Systems



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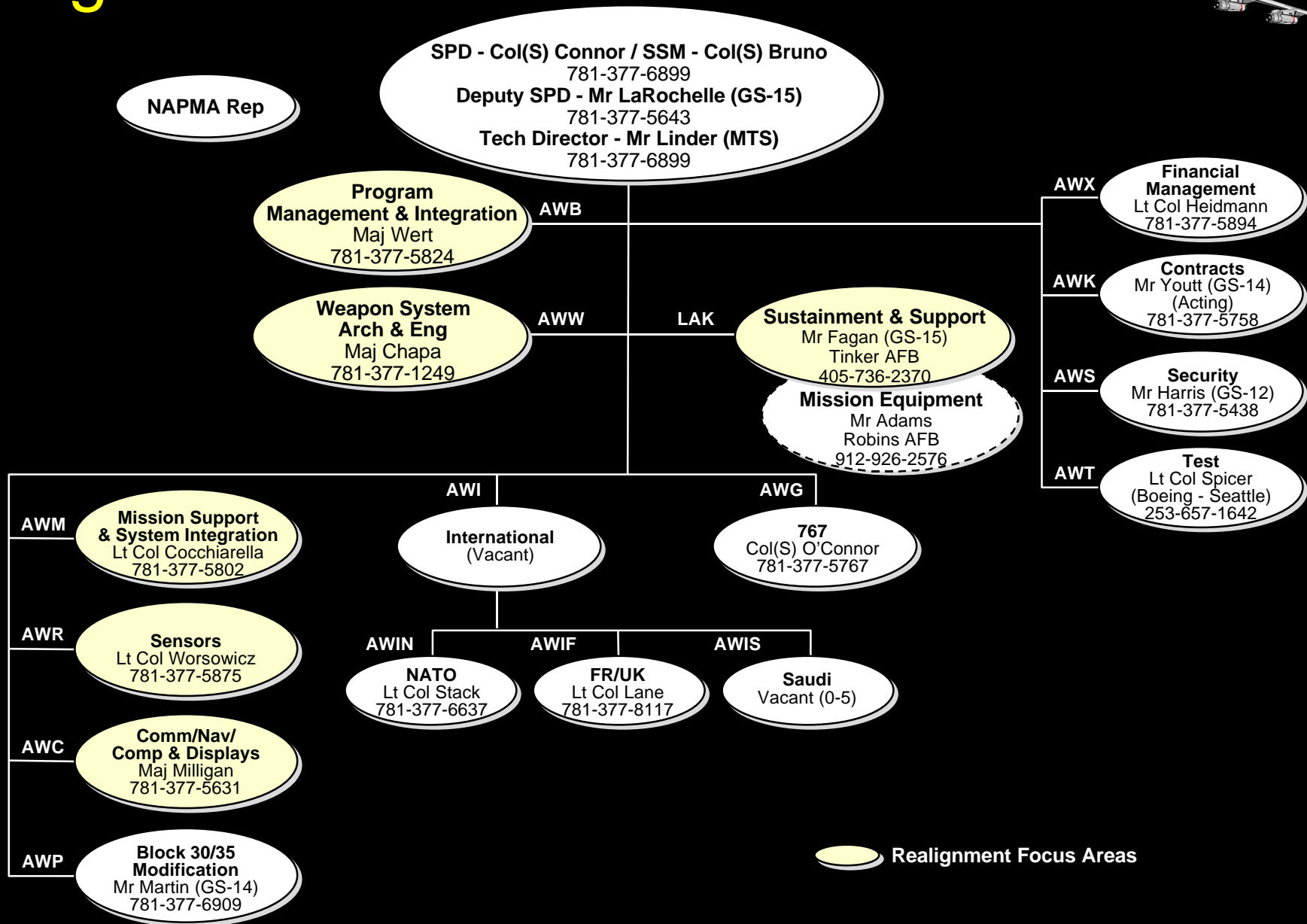
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# Outline



- ◆ Organization
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- ◆ Overview: existing contracts
- ◆ Overview: new Projects
- ◆ Industry opportunities
- ◆ Future needs/trends

# Organization



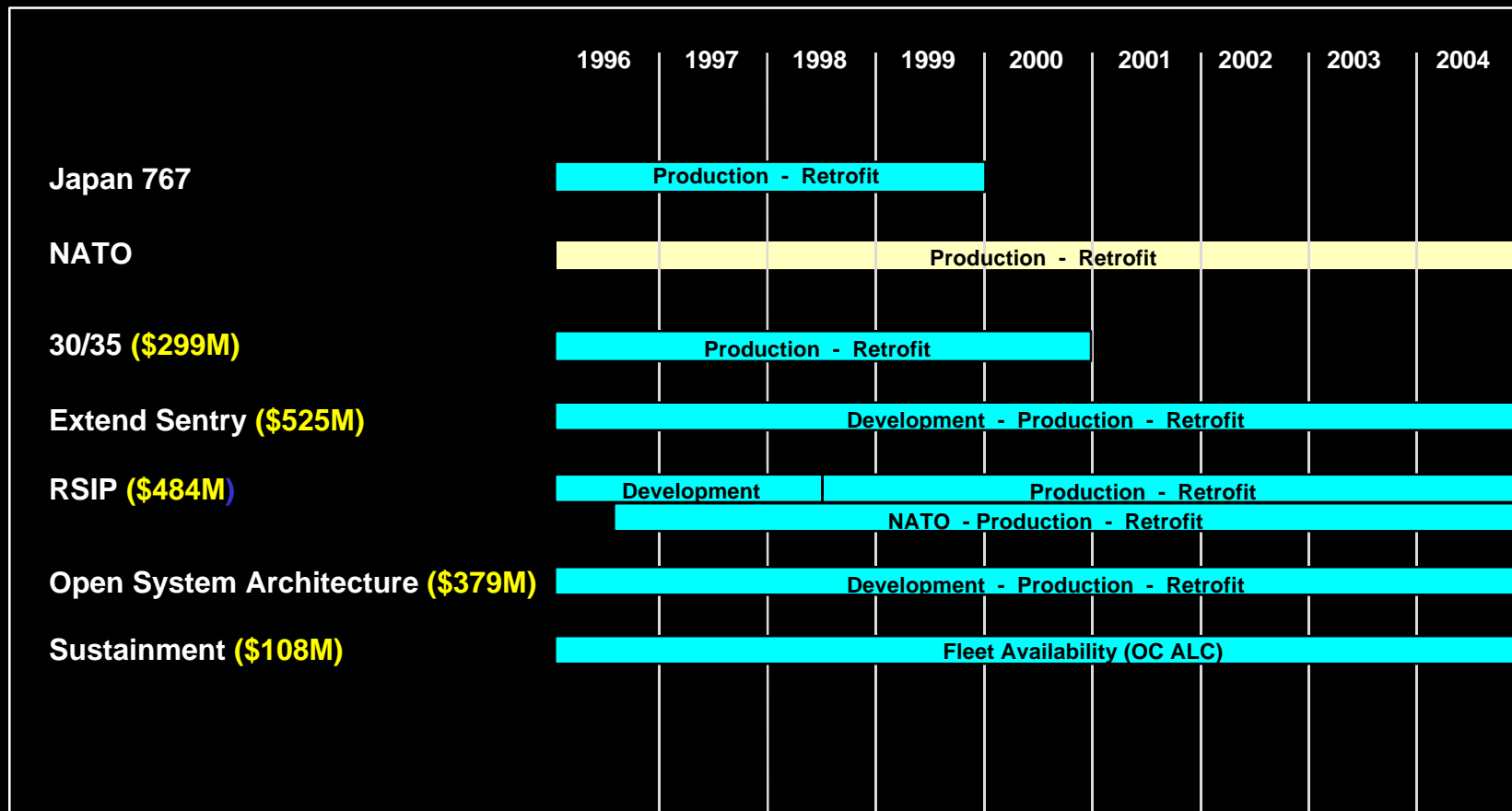
# AWACS Program Office Mission



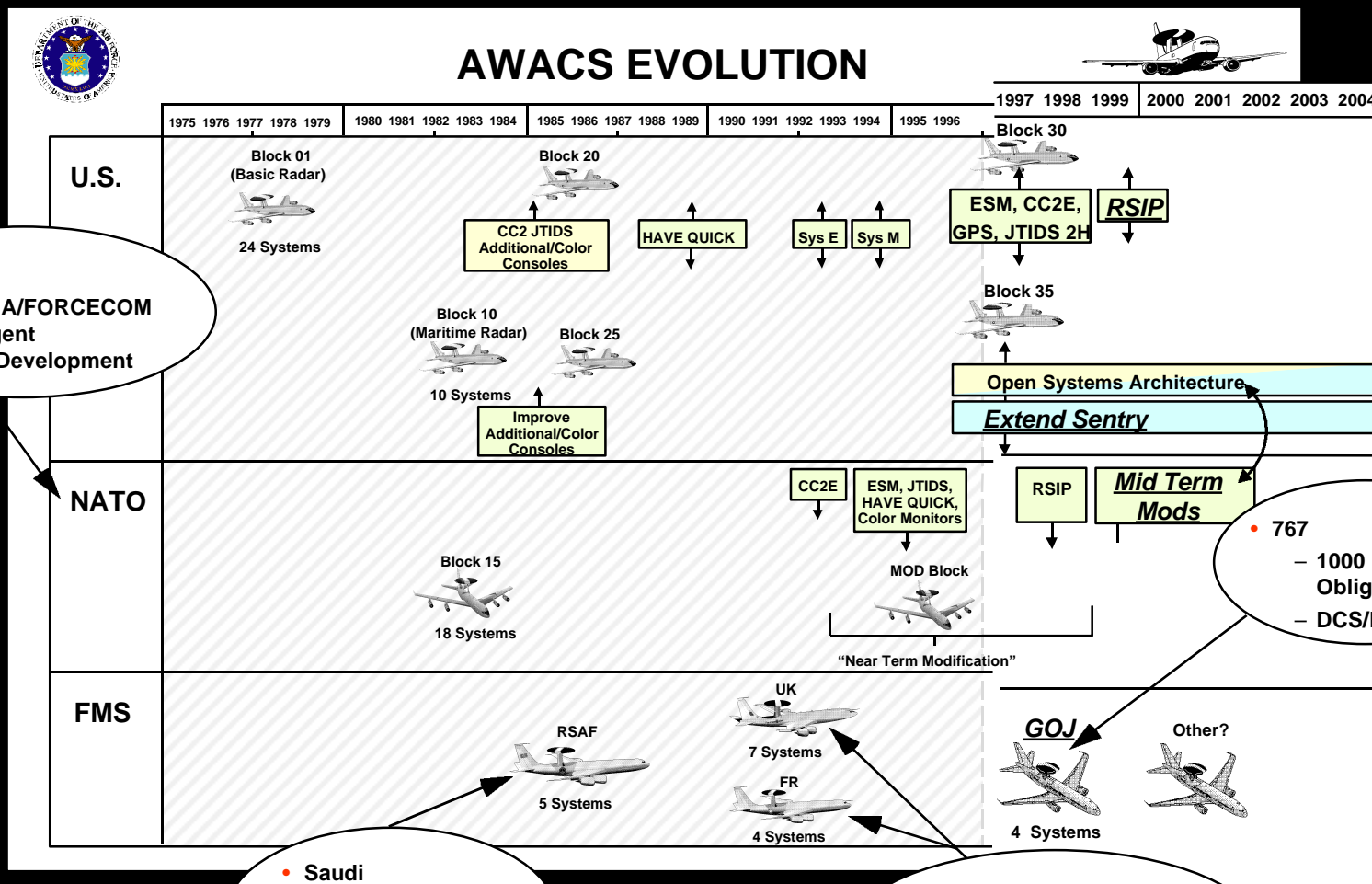
*An Innovative Government/Industry team that  
Rapidly Delivers and Effectively Sustains AWACS  
Weapon System Capabilities for our Warfighting  
Customers*

# Existing Contracts

## AWACS Program Efforts



# AWACS Program Description



- NATO
  - NAPMA/FORCECOM
  - US Agent
  - Joint Development

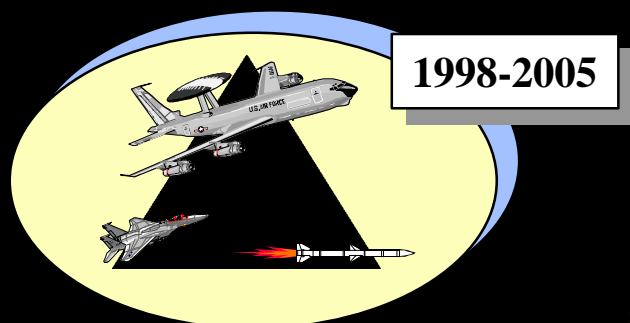
- 767
  - 1000 mile SLOC Obligation
  - DCS/FMS

- Saudi
  - CENTCOM
  - Peace Shield
  - FMS
  - Upgrades

- UK/FR
  - In Kind Contribution to NATO
  - FMS
  - Upgrades

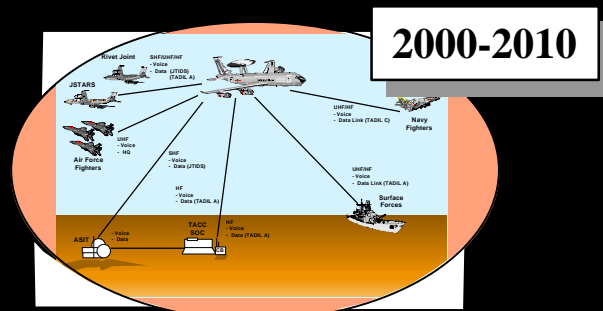
- Strategic
- Tactical
- Sustainment

# AWACS Capabilities Over Time



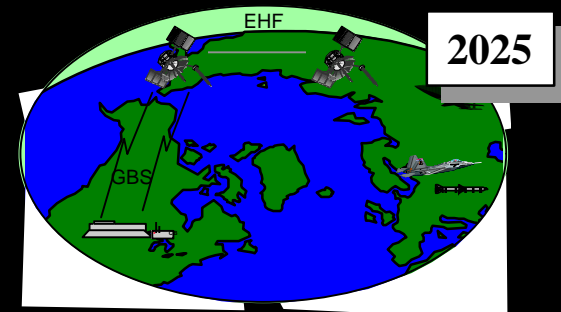
## Offensive Counter Air

- Air superiority facelift
- Multiplies fighter effectiveness
- Fixes JADO/JEZ deficiencies
- Partial DII/COE Compliance
- Same O&M infrastructure



## Theater Air Defender

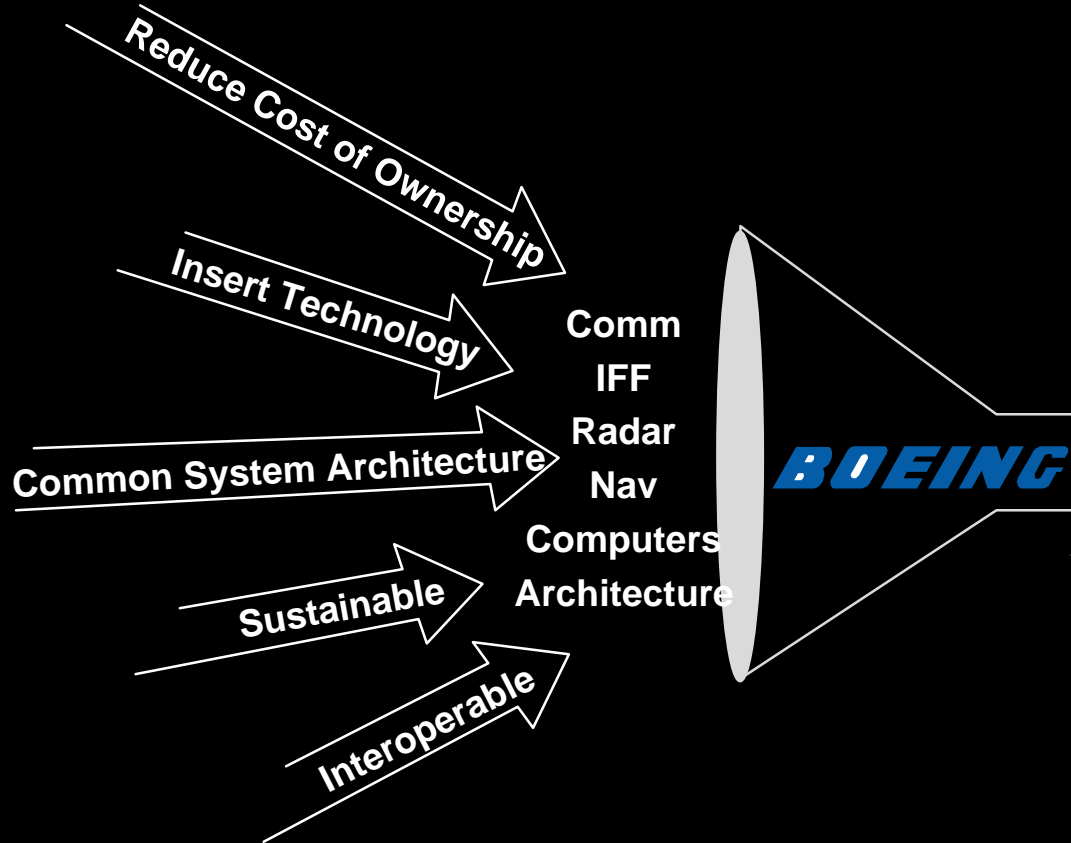
- Plugs into Battlefield Info Network
- Multiplies F-22, Aegis/SM-2, GBR/THAAD
- NATO interoperable
- Full DII/COE Compliance
- Foundation for Ground C<sup>2</sup>
- Streamlined, lower cost O&M/training



## Global C4I Network

- AWACS replacement
- Combination of airborne/spaceborne sensors with ground processing

# Single Integrator Single Installation Plan



## Key Features

- Lower Ownership Costs
- Improved Capabilities
- Improved Availability
- Enhanced International Team

## Challenges Ahead

- Define System HW/SW Architecture
- Flexibility for Unique Requirements
- Define and Accept Single Integrator Role

## Integrator Responsibility

- Operates - Prototype Development Facility ...Open to All Potential Hardware/Software Vendors





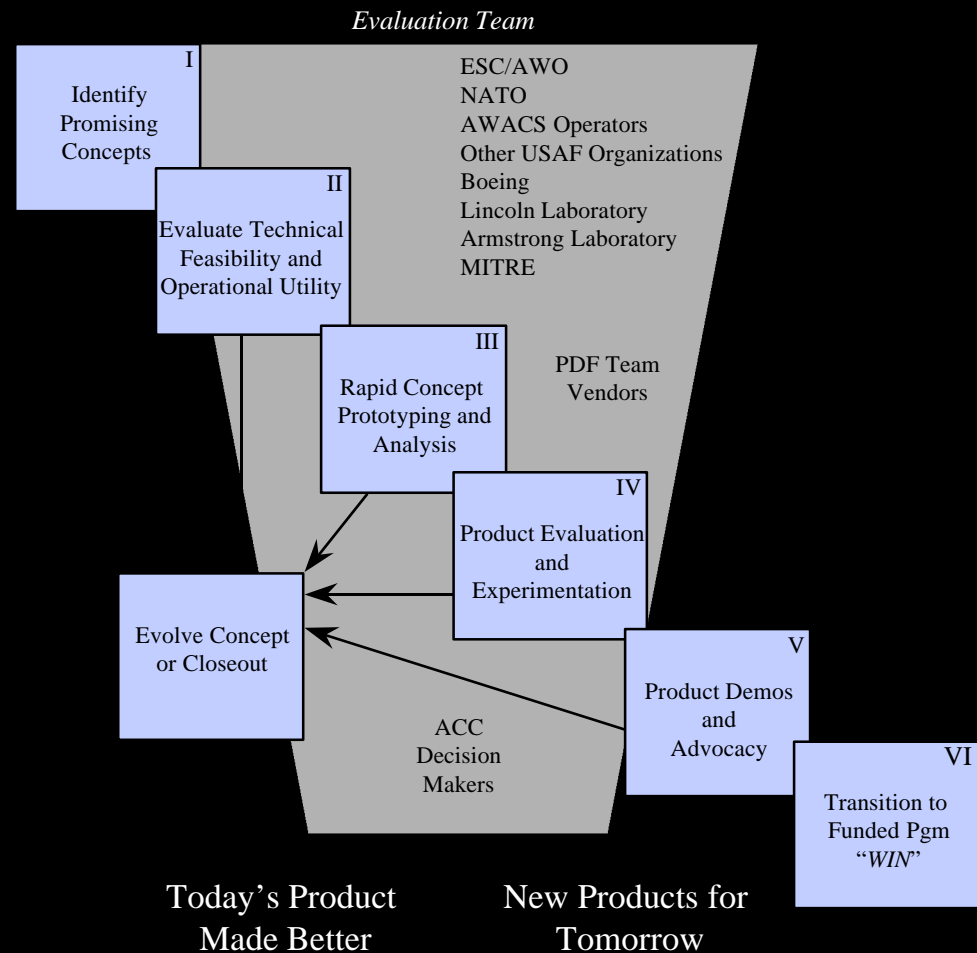
# Prototype Development Facility (PDF)



## Program Description

- ◆ The PDF, located at Boeing, Seattle, leverages existing industry IR&D efforts and serves to identify new capabilities, demonstrate prototypes to the user community (“try it before you buy it”), and develop new systems for the airplane quickly, flexibly, and at low cost.

## PDF Goal: Continuously Increase the Value of the Product to the Consumer



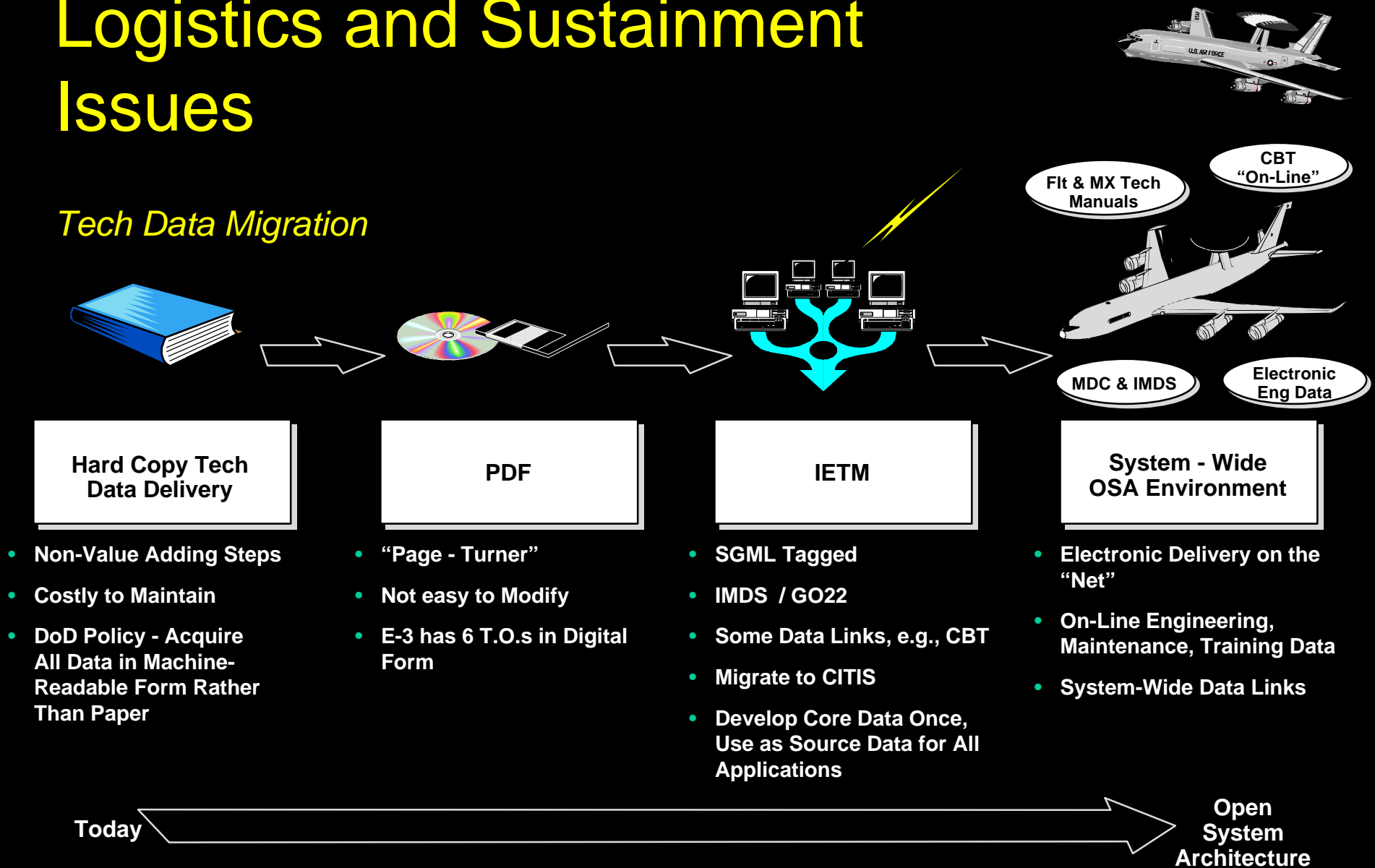
## Airborne C2 and Real-Time Common Operational Picture

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- Airborne Command Element**
- AWACS Air Picture (OSA)
- AWACS Air Picture (Step 1)
- Real-Time DII COE**
- SATCOM Multicast Rx Terminal
- Airborne LAN*
- Wireless ATM
- UHF TACSAT
- “Unicast Traffic”
- Data
  - Voice
- UHF Bird
- K Band Transponder
- GBS Insertion Point
- DISN-LES, SIPRNET or Commercial T-1
- AOC
- SIPRNET
- Theater Relay Point

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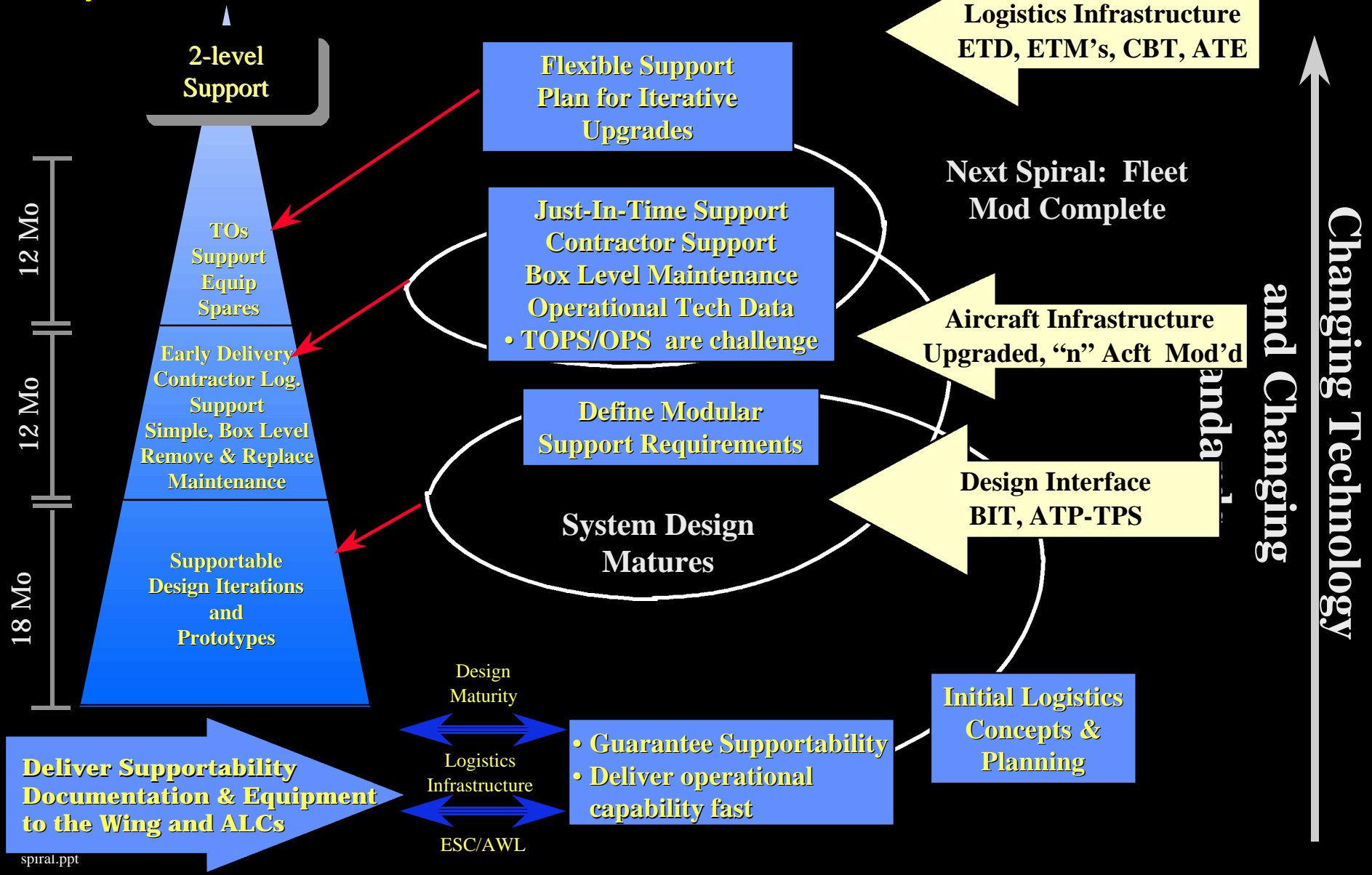
# Logistics and Sustainment Issues

## Tech Data Migration



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Project "X"



# Future Needs/Trends

## AWACS Mission Computer Upgrade



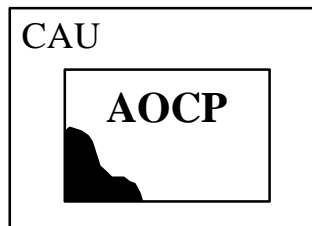
- COTS Workstations drive all SDCs
- New Tracker algorithm
- New HCI, maps, fully integrated displays (including JTIDS)
- Fully networked computers and displays provide low cost growth potential
- Limited DII COE Compatibility

Radar  
IFF  
ESM  
TADIL A/C  
Nav  
JTIDS  
Etc

**CPS  
(I/O)**

1553 Ready

**CC-2E (IBM 370)**



**RDMX  
(DMX Emulator,  
PowerPC)**

Bubble  
Memory

Tape/  
HDS

Printer

SCSI

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LAN

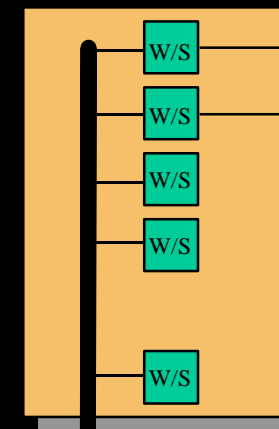
**Best of Breed  
Tracker  
(PowerPC)**

**ECSP Replacement  
(PowerPC)**

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**PROTOTYPE  
&  
DEMONSTRATION**

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# Overview

## New Projects



- ◆ SBIR - Dual-use data links for networking of wide bandwidth digital data
  - Anticipated Schedule: FY99
    - Final RFP: Pending Approved Project
  - Program Value: Unknown
  - Customer: AWACS
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# Industry Opportunity



Dual-use data links for networking of wide bandwidth digital data

- ◆ This SBIR contract would explore the application of commercial satellite systems and commercial networking protocols and techniques to the secure, military environment for air surveillance and command and control
- ◆ Anticipated procurement approach: Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)
  - Advanced Techniques for beyond the horizon reachback of surveillance and air situation data
  - Remote operation of air warning and control systems
  - Advanced data modems and network protocols
  - Dual-use data link systems for remoting data in peace and war time
  - Web-based data presentation command and control

# Future Needs/Trends



- ◆ Emphasize Areas for the Future
  - Open System Software
  - Spiral Development/Spiral Sustainment
  - Open System Computers and Displays
  - Wide Band Digital Data Links
- ◆ Continuing Areas of Emphasis/Trends
  - Improve Capability
  - Improve Reliability
  - Improve Sustainment